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1. AN ARTICLE APPEARED ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE BUENOS AIRES
HERALD DEC. 11, 1976 ENTITLED, "TELLING IT AS IT IS". IN ESSENCE,
THIS ARTICLE SETS FORTH INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN REFTELS.
THE ARTICLE PINPOINTS THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS REPORTING
IN DETAIL SIMILAR TO THE REFTELS TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST U.S.
FIRMS. IT STATES THAT THESE REPORTS ARE BEING MADE TO OVER 50
NEWSPAPERS IN THE U.S., THOUGH AS A DISCLAIMER THE LAST PARAGRAPH
IN THE ARTICLE STATES "FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THE PLANTS PRESENTLY
UNDER ATTACK DO NOT NEED THE NOTORIETY OF BEING NAMED."

2. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THUS FAR IN 1976 SIXTEEN
ARGENTINE MANAGERS OF U.S. FIRMS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED WHILE
14 HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED. THE FIRMS AS WELL AS THE DOMICILES
OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MACHINEGUN
AND BOMBING ATTACKS.

3. RSO COMMENT: THE SECURITY OFFICE AT THE EMBASSY IS AWARE
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THAT THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS FURNISHED TO ELEMENTS
WITHIN THE U.S. THREE REPORTS ON THE ECONOMY, TERRORISM AND THE

WHEAT CROP IN ARGENTINA AND HOW THEY AFFECT THE U.S. BUSINESS
COMMUNITY. IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICE THAT THE ALREADY
HIGH PROFILE OF THE U.S. BUSINESS EXECUTIVE IN BUENOS AIRES WILL
BE EXTENSIVELY RAISED BY THE PUBLISHING OF THIS ARTICLE. SHOULD
SUCH BE DESIRED, CONTENTS OF ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN BUENOS AIRES
WILL BE FURNISHED.
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